

COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERS

ANNUAL REPORT 2012



EMPOWERING PEOPLE
BUILDING COMMUNITIES
CHANGING LIVES





Solutions & Ideas for our Community



COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERS AT A GLANCE

- ❖ **23,865** individuals applied for assistance.
- ❖ Community Action Partners assisted more than **66,623** individuals with information and referrals.
- ❖ **181,847** lunches, **177,735** snacks and **60,745** breakfasts were served to children during summer 2012.
- ❖ **9,570** children received toys from Cowboy Santas.
- ❖ More than **900** Cowboy Santas volunteers participated and donated more than **3,500** hours valuing at **\$74,020** (\$21 hourly rate).

Vision

To change people's lives, embody the spirit of hope, improve communities and make Tarrant County a better place to live.

Mission

Partnering with the community to provide services that promote personal and economic independence.

The City of Fort Worth's Community Action Partners (CAP) serves as the Community Action Agency for Tarrant County and provides comprehensive services to economically disadvantaged individuals, families, and the elderly. The program strives to **empower participants to become and remain self-sufficient.**

Through our programs, individuals and families learn to become financially independent, thus reducing and eliminating their reliance on social services.

CAP is a section of the City of Fort Worth Parks and Community Services Department.

Did You Know...

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and Comprehensive Energy Assistance Programs provide assistance to households with income at or below the 125% of the Federal Poverty Income Guideline (\$29,438 - family of 4).

For every \$1 of CSBG, the state of Texas leveraged \$3.50 from state, local, and private sources, including the value of volunteer hours.

Including all federal sources, Texas CSBG agencies leveraged \$23.74 per \$1 for CSBG funds.

Texas CSBG agencies provided services to 660,197 low-income individuals.

Every \$1 invested in Weatherization returns \$2.73 in energy and non-energy related benefits.



Our Services & Resources

Through a wide array of programs, resources and services, Community Action Partners (CAP) provides assistance to low income families in Tarrant County and guides them toward self-sufficiency. Since 1981, the City of Fort Worth's Community Action Partners has served as the Community Action Agency for Tarrant County.

COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CEAP)

Residents are assisted with utility bills (electric, gas and propane) to avoid utility disruptions. Energy and water conservation education is provided to help households achieve energy self-sufficiency.

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT

This program provides financial support to prevent families from becoming homeless by providing funds for rent and utilities.

WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (WAP)

WAP provides services to improve the energy efficiency of income eligible households in Tarrant County. Weatherization Program Technicians perform an energy assessment to determine which energy saving repair or service is most appropriate and cost-effective for each home.

WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Donations assist Fort Worth Water customers in paying their bill or plumbing repairs related to a pressurized leak that has led to increased consumption.

SPECIAL NUTRITION FOOD PROGRAMS

Research has shown that children do better academically and socially when they are not hungry. Programs funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in partnership with the Texas Department of Agriculture, provide free, nutritious meals and snacks to youth age 18 and younger in low income areas.

FAMILIES IN TRANSITION (FIT)

Case managers assist low income households in attaining economic and personal independence through a variety of services on an ongoing basis to reduce the family's reliance on social services.

SILVER STARS PROGRAM

Funded by donations, this program provides homebound and isolated seniors with a holiday basket of health and safety items.

COWBOY SANTAS PROGRAM, INC.

CAP staff certifies low income Tarrant County families with children ages 12 and younger for holiday toys, books and games.



For an appointment,
call our
Customer Care
Center at
(817) 392-5790

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Fort Worth 76111

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Fort Worth 76107

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5565 Truman Dr.
Fort Worth 76112

Northside
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Fort Worth 76164

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Southside
959 E. Rosedale St.
Fort Worth 76104

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3551 New York Ave.
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Administrative Office

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2012 Year in Review

Advisory Council

Macario Belmontes
Chair

Frank Moss (Michelle Reynolds)
City Council, District 5

Kathleen Hicks (Dr. Camille Rodriguez)
City Council, District 8

Andy H. Nguyen (Gerald Smith)
County Commissioner

Roy Charles Brooks (Cathy Young)
County Commissioner

Teresa Washington
Neighborhood Representative

Matthew Weaver
United Way 2-1-1

Robyne Jolley
Neighborhood Representative

Malinda Buggs
Neighborhood Representative

Susan Oakley
Texas Christian University

Casey Board
The NRP Group LLC

Sylviana Montalvo
Community / S.E.R.

Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP)

9,105	Households
23,725	Individuals

Weatherization Assistance Program

358	Households
956	Individuals

Emergency Solutions Grant

46	Households
138	Individuals

City of Fort Worth / Water Assistance Program

230	Households
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Community Action Partners / Families in Transition

135	Households
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Special Nutrition Food Programs at 80 sites

181,555	Lunch meals (summer)
171,915	Snack meals (year-round)
63,120	Breakfast meals (summer)

Cowboy Santos & Silver Stars Programs

9,570	Children received gifts
5,000	Families enrolled
400	Seniors received gifts

Households may be eligible for more than one assistance program.

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HISTORY

The Community Services Division merged with the City of Fort Worth's Parks and Recreation Department in 1994, forming the Parks and Community Services Department. The City of Fort Worth's Community Action Partners has served as the Community Action Agency for Tarrant County since 1981.

PROVIDING SOLUTIONS BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES

Community Action Partners (CAP) changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes Tarrant County a better place to live.

When CAP is unable to provide services, referrals are made to community partners including the Greater Senior Citizen Services of Tarrant County, Meals on Wheels, the Women's Center, Workforce Solutions and the Refuges Services of Fort Worth and Child Protective Services to name a few.

ELIGIBILITY

- Must be a resident of Tarrant County.
- Provide identification, proof of income, address and household information.
- Be at a specific level of household income according to the Federal Income Guidelines (each program varies).
- Other criteria must be met in order to qualify for programs.
- Funding for some programs may be limited or unavailable for certain areas.

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Experts Discuss Solutions & Resources for Area Poverty Issues

Listen to top area speakers address the impact of the changing economy on North Texas residents

Explore challenges and discuss poverty resources that help lead our community forward

Share and learn techniques used by area agencies to remove obstacles and barriers to self-sufficiency

CEU's Available at Conference

June 20, 2012
8:30 am - 3:30 pm
Fort Worth Botanic Garden
Redwood Room
3220 Botanic Garden, Fort Worth, 76107

\$20 per person or \$15 per group (min of 3)
Breakfast & Lunch included
Only checks or cash accepted on day of conference

For Human & Social Service agencies, non-profit organizations, economists, public policy students & the general public.

Keynote Speaker
Bob Ray Sanders
Associate Editor & Senior Star-Telegram Columnist

Speakers
Dr. Merrill Matthews
Resident Scholar with the Institute for Policy Innovation
Pat Cheong
Assistant Vice President of United Way of Tarrant County
Ariene Shorter
Assistant Court Investigator of Tarrant County Probate Court 2
Dr. Margaret Basile
D.O. Geriatric Medicine

Register before Monday, June 18 online at
<http://ChangingFaceofPoverty.eventbrite.com>

In May 2012, Community Action Partners sponsored a day-long conference discussing poverty in Tarrant County.

The Changing Face of Poverty conference drew more than 90 participants from several area social agencies.